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SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Linda Norris-Waldt
Executive Director
Envision Frederick County
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Re: PIA Requests dated October 4, 2021 and October 5, 2021

Dear Ms. Norris-Waldt:

In response to your two (2) written requests (referenced above) for “any non-disclosure agreements, with any entity, draft or final, that were proposed, discussed, or signed by” certain named “Frederick County Officials”¹, I have requested any responsive records from each of the named individuals. Based on a review of the responses received, I must deny your request pursuant to Public Information Act, Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article (“GP”) §4-335, which states:

A custodian shall deny inspection of the part of a public record that contains any of the following information provided by or obtained from any person or governmental unit:

- (1) a trade secret;*
- (2) confidential commercial information;*
- (3) confidential financial information; or*
- (4) confidential geological or geophysical information.*

Pursuant to GP §4-362, you are entitled to seek judicial review of this decision. You may also direct any concerns about this decision to the Public Access Ombudsman pursuant to GP § 4-1B-01 *et seq.* Also, if you have any questions about this letter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Ford
Public Information Act Coordinator

¹ The October 4, 2021 letter named Jan Gardner, Bryon Black, Catherine Keller, Rick Harcum, Lori Depies, Helen Propheter and Margaret Nussbaum, and the October 5, 2021 letter named M.C. Keegan-Ayer, Michael Blue, Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen, Jessica Fitzwater, Phil Dacey, Steve McKay and Ragen Cherney.